

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

ASHEVILLE DIVISION

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| CARYN DEVINS STRICKLAND, |) | |
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| <i>Plaintiff,</i> |) | |
| |) | |
| v. |) | Civil No. 1:20-cv-00066 |
| |) | |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al., |) | |
| |) | |
| <i>Defendants.</i> |) | |
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JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING TRIAL DATE

During the summary judgment hearing on October 31, 2022, the Court ordered the parties to confer and submit proposals regarding a potential consolidated trial date. After conferring on the matter, the parties agree that the trial date of September 2023 that was ordered by the Court during the July 2022 status conference should be maintained. A September 2023 trial date would allow the parties to adequately conduct discovery and prepare for trial, and would help ensure a fair and just resolution of this matter without undue expense or delay. *See Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.*¹

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Plaintiff maintains her objection to the Court's denial of a separate, pre-trial hearing on her motion for preliminary injunction, and her objection to the Court delaying ruling on the preliminary injunction until September 2023.

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